

THE EDMONTON SCOTTISH SOCIETY



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Edmonton Scottish Society

Very briefly, the Society is an association of Scottish people (or Scottish descent) in Edmonton, gathered together to maintain and preserve the Ancient Traditions, Culture, and Hospitality of our forebears. Provide the opportunity to meet for Social Entertainment and Good Fellowship, extend a friendly helping hand to all newcomers and strangers in our City.



Under the able leadership of President Dave Hughes and Col. Cormack, we have again this year, a heavy schedule of monthly get-togethers, Special Events such as our Hogmanay Dance, Burns Night, etc. An active Bowling League for Bowlers, a Dramatic Group for our young people, and will shortly organize a Mixed Choir for group singing of our fine old Scottish Folk Songs. We invite interested inquiry.

Our Building Fund is active for the purpose of raising Funds and making plans for a Hall, provide quarters and a Meeting place that will eventually become a Home to all Scottish people away from Home.

Plans are afoot to organize a Trip by air to Scotland in 1954. Flying from Edmonton to Prestwick, allowing approximately six weeks in the old Land, from Prestwick directly back to Edmonton, no fuss or bother; a wonderful opportunity for all who are contemplating such a trip next year. Anyone interested may contact any member of our Executive Committee.

We take pride in again being able to present for your Entertainment and Enjoyment, "The Alec Finlay Show," we bid you Welcome with the sincere hope you make new friends and enjoy yourselves.

Edmonton, The Oil Capital of Canada

Edmonton, to many people across Canada and across the Seas, the name means many things. Black Gold gushing out of the ground, new wealth, new opportunities, a bustling metropolis springing to life on the banks of the North Saskatchewan River, prosperity and overnight growth.

Our City is a little of all of these things, but solidly backed by mushrooming Industry, and Agriculture that produces Wheat Kings, the fabulous Peace River country; and to the North and West a sleeping Giant of Power coming to Life, that will within the next decade make of the Canadian North West a Land of thriving new Communities. "Go North Young Man" just as in Horace Greeley's day the Western frontiers were rolled back, so today the trend is Northward.



Woodward's

**YOUR
FAMILY SHOPPING
CENTRE**

**WHERE CONSISTENT SHOPPING
BRINGS CONSISTENT SAVINGS**

Edmonton, growing steadily at approximately 12,000 newcomers per year is the magnet drawing new population into this section of the country, our Gas and Oil are real attractions to Industry, Industry means jobs, and that again means new homes. We are proud of our City, out in front setting the pace for a Canada that is rapidly expanding to take her place as one of the truly Great Nations of the World. Edmonton, a name to conjure with.



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Scotland's foremost Character
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Scotland's Ace Accordionist—
B.B.C. and Scottish

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Soprano Par Excellence—Th
"Blossom Time" and "Song o
with a glorious voice—In

RITA ANDRE AN
Scotland's Favourite Comedy
Character Sketches

JIMMY FINLAY
Scotland's Premier Ent

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Master of sing
Lowe and Stevens as sing

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hambra Theatre Glasgow.

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—Popular Recording Star of
sh Clan Records.

LOWE

Baritone—Star of Radio,
tage—A brilliant Artiste.

STEVENS

the Vivacious Singing Star of
of Norway." A beautiful girl
Gems of Scottish Song.

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y Duo—In their own Original
s—A Riot of Fun.

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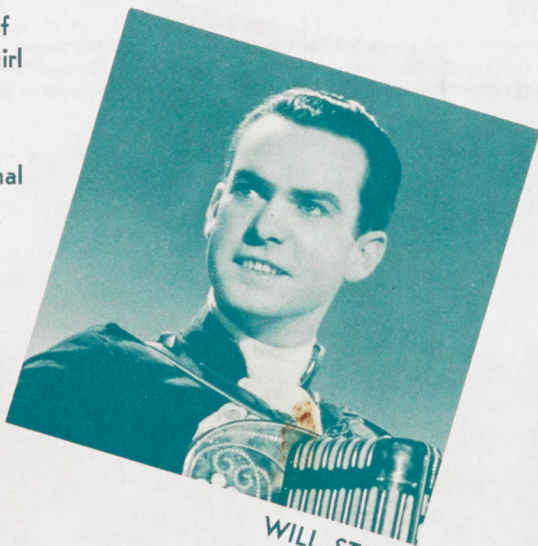
ertainer at the Piano.

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Ceremonies
gles also teamed in Duets



MARION STEVENS



WILL STARR

Scots in Edmonton

For well over a century and a half Scots have made a great contribution—possibly the greatest contribution—to the opening up of the West. One hundred and sixty years ago Alexander MacKenzie from Stornoway led the first expedition across Western Canada to the Pacific Coast. He was the first white man to cross the continent north of Mexico.

Simon Fraser, another Scot, in 1808 led the second expedition across our plains, over our mountains and down the Fraser River to the coast.

Following in their steps came many other Scots, whose names stand out boldly in the history of Western Canada and of Alberta. It has been aptly said that the great Hudson's Bay Company ruled the West and opened it up with "Scotsmen and Shaganappi." For instance, in 1795 Angus Shaw built Fort Augustus, the first post in the vicinity of Edmonton. He was accompanied by many other Scots and succeeded by many more. From 1821 to 1860 Sir George Simpson from Ross-shire was the Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company. The "little Governor," with Scottish resolution and a watchful eye on the bawbees, built that organization into a powerful company, and laid out the framework around which has developed the four western provinces. Nor must we forget Colin Fraser, his piper, who always accompanied him, and innumerable times in hundreds of places in the west piped the "little Governor" from canoe to fort. Possibly he impressed the Indians more than did his master. They were amused at his kilts and bemused by his pipes, and supposed him to be a relation of the Great Spirit.

Lord Selkirk, James Douglas, the MacDonalds, Simon MacGillivray, Donald Smith (Lord Strathcona), and the MacLeod's of Skye are but a few of the other Scots chosen at random who made great and lasting contributions to the development of Western Canada.

All these men started or carried on a tradition of leadership, endurance and stubborn purpose that has been followed up by fresh generations of Scots who have come to the West and who have been leaders in every advance from the earliest times to the present. Their kin, whether born here or arriving fresh from Scotland, now hold, and will hold, similar status in the future.

If you want to know who opened up this country, look at the names of our large rivers, the MacKenzie, the Fraser, the Finlay, and a hundred others. Or look at a map of Alberta. Its hills and valleys are dotted with towns, villages and remote country post offices ranging





all along the alphabet through Airdrie, Banff, Calgary and Dunvegan to Rosyth, St. Kilda, Troon and Zetland.

And while we are dealing with names, there may be some who do not know how the half breeds of the West came by their Scottish names. When the missionaries arrived and began baptising the natives, they soon ran out of biblical names and usually called in the local Scotch fur-trader to help them. As each Indian came up he would supply him with a name, saying, "call this one Colin MacKenzie, and that one Angus MacGillivray, and this one Duncan Campbell," and so on. It is only fair to say that some students doubt this explanation.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR HIGH QUALITY SHOW
THANK YOU

EDMONTON SCOTTISH SOCIETY

*Old Friends Hello
Welcome, Newcomers to Edmonton*

DOES THAT NEW HOME NEED
A RANGE ELECTRIC? GAS?
A RADIO? TELEVISION (WHEN WE GET IT)
A REFRIGERATOR (USEFUL TO COOL BOTTLES)

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★ **Quality**
★ **Assortment!**

Scottish Groups and Associations in Edmonton:

Edmonton Boys' Pipe Band

Edmonton Girls' Pipe Band

The Burns Club

Highland Games Association

Edmonton Highland Dancing Association

Thanks and Congratulations to

EDMONTON SCOTTISH SOCIETY

on the return visit of

ALEC FINLAY SHOW!

TO EDMONTON

THE HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY